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The prohibited conduct suggested in the settlement does little to restrict microsoft. The final caveat whereby "This agreement lets Microsoft keep secret anything having to do with security or copy protection" is already leveraged against the spirit of the settlement. IN a recent press release from Microsoft "Microsoft's co-founder called on the industry to acknowledge that the solutions to security and privacy challenges, which are often comingled in the minds of consumers"

Future circumvention of the spirit of this or any agreement will be based on the requirements of "security" rather than integration, as was the internet explorer/netscape case.

I do not believe this settlement punishes microsoft in any meaningful way nor does it force microsoft to act in an anti-competative manner. Even with the light treatment Microsoft is receiveing it is already setting the groundwork to avoid the restrictions of this settlement.

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